Maoist activists languishing in jails

2214. SHRI SHYAMAL CHAKRABORTY:
SHRI MOINUL HASSAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of CPI (Maoist) activists arrested in the country; and

(b) the total number of them languishing in jails, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) Police being State subject, prevention, detection, investigation, registration and prosecution of crimes are primarily dealt by concerned State Government/UT Administrations and these are continuous processes. As per available information, 1822 naxalites have been arrested in 2009 (till November 30).

Basis for compilation of NRC in Assam

2215. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the basis for compilation of the National Register of Citizen in Assam has been finalized;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the year-wise progress made so far and target set for subsequent years and when it is likely to be completed; and

(d) the major constraints in its execution and how Government proposes to overcome the difficulties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (d) The Government of Assam has initiated steps for updating of National Register of Citizens (NRC) 1951 on the basis of the relevant records. The Central Government has also provided a sum of Rs. 3.02 crore to the Government of Assam for computerization of the relevant records.

The Citizenship (Registration of Citizens and issue of National Identity Cards) Rules, 2003 has been amended *vide* notification dated on 9th November, 2009 providing special provisions as to manner of preparation of National Register of Indian Citizens in the State of Assam based in relevant records. This would enable taking up the process of updating NRC in Assam.

Fatigue amongst CRPF personnel

2216. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is considerable tension and signs of fatigue amongst Central Reserve Police Force personnel because of continuous postings and other factors;

(b) whether the signs of stress are leading to tendencies of suicide and murder etc.;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is no system for redressal of their grievances; and

(d) the steps Government has taken to address this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) There are some signs of tension and fatigue amongst CRPF personnel sometimes because of nature of their duties and security situation.

(b) There is no scientific evidence to show that signs of stress are leading to tendencies of suicide and murder etc. Suicide and fratricide occur due to several reasons, mostly personal and domestic.

(c) There is a well laid out centralized public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) in CRPF to redress the grievances of personnel. In addition, a Grievance redress Cell has been formed and functioning at Sector/Range/GC and Unit level since-2001. Toll free helpline facility is also available for counseling.

(d) A number of schemes and stress busters like Yoga Courses, Course on Art of living etc. are being arranged to reduce the stress level of Force personnel. Adequate emphasis is being laid on sports activities. Several welfare schemes have been initiated for the welfare of personnel. These contribute a lot for stress relief. The grievances reported at each level are being redressed through counseling and as per Government of India/Departmental instructions within a period of 45 days.

Naxalite using children for armed struggle

2217. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Maoists in West Bengal taking a cue from Taliban and Khmer Rouge, had started using children in armed struggle against the State;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the numbers of children wing of the Maoists gunned down a few Marxist cadre at various places; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and reaction of Government in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) There is no input suggesting that Maoists are taking a cue from Taliban and Khmer Rouge for using children in armed struggle in West Bengal. However, the CPI (Maoist) in the States of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Orissa recruit young children from time to time as 'Bal Dasta' or 'Bal Sangham'.

(b) and (c) There are no reports to indicate that the children wing of CPI (Maoist) have gunned down Marxist cadres at various places in West Bengal.